

REMARKS

This paper is in response to the Examiner's Final Office Action mailed March 21, 2008. The Examiner has examined claims 1-4, 6-14, 17-29 and 32-37 and has rejected these claims. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal and reconsideration of the rejections and allowance of the claims in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Objections to the Specification

The Examiner has objected to title of the application. Applicants, without acquiescing to the Examiner's objection, have amended the Title of the application to "Benzimidazoles." In the view of the current amendment to the Title, applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the objection to the Title of the invention.

Further, the Examiner has objected to the abstract as allegedly being a run-on sentence. Applicants, without acquiescing to the Examiner's objection, have amended the abstract. In the view of the Amendment to the Abstract, applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the objection to the Abstract.

Enablement Rejections

"solvates"

The Examiner has maintained the prior enablement rejection with respect to the recitation "solvates." Furthermore, the Examiner has also rejected, on the same grounds, claim 37, which was newly added in applicants' Amendment of December 21,

2007. Applicants, without acquiescing in the Examiner's rejection, have obviated the rejection by deletion of the recitation "solvates" from the claims.

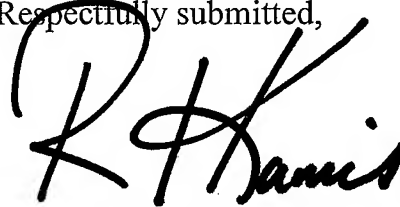
Objections to the Claims

The Examiner has found the elected species to be allowable subject matter; however, the Examiner has maintained the objection to the claims as containing non-elected subject matter. With respect to the objection of the claims that the variable L can not be CH₂, but only O or S, applicants note that during a telephone conversation with the Examiner on June 10, 2008, the Examiner agreed that the variable L can be CH₂, in addition to being O or S. Furthermore, applicants, without acquiescing to the Examiner's objection, have obviated the objection by amending the claims to recite that ring variables E, G, M, Q and U form a pyridine.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the Examiner's rejections based on the foregoing. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned with respect to any questions on matters related to the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. J. Kamis". The signature is stylized with a large, looped "R" and a cursive "K" and "A".

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